

## Rep. Ray Franz

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**From:** Mark Griffin <Griffin@mpamacs.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 8, 2016 5:03 PM  
**To:** Rep. Ray Franz  
**Subject:** HB 4895

Dear House Regulatory Reform Committee,

We understand that the Committee will be taking a vote on House Bill (HB) 4895 tomorrow. I urge you to PLEASE vote no on this harmful unfair legislation.

Here is why:

- \* The Michigan Petroleum Association/Michigan Association of Convenience Stores (MPA/MACS) is the group that represents gas station owners that have been unable to get beer/wine licenses at their stations because of inventory requirements that even Meijer and WalMart couldn't meet.
- \* This legislation will not help MPA/MACS members, in fact it hurts the "little guy".
- \* At the expense of the little guy, big box retailers such as Meijer and Walmart will now be able to sell beer and wine at their gas stations.
- \* This bill will create a loop-hole and allow big box retailers to count the inventory in the anchor store to meet the requirements for licensing at the convenience store selling gas. The little guy doesn't have this advantage.
- \* All gas stations should be treated the same.
- \* It is bad public policy to pick winners and losers, picking the big guy over the little guy.

As we testified before you, all we have ever asked is that everyone be treated the same. That is why we supported the previous amendment that lowered the inventory requirement to \$50,000 for all gas stations. Please don't create an even worse playing field by allowing big box gas stations to gain a huge competitive advantage over the little guy by voting for this legislation. Is that really how you want to be remembered?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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